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ABSTRACT

This book provides an introduction to single staff information services, or SOLO librarianship. SOLO librarians are usually found in corporate libraries, private companies, small public libraries, museums, schools, churches or synagogues, prisons, law firms, hospitals or special libraries with specialized or limited materials and services with emphasis is on providing information, rather than books. A list of resources is presented that will come to the aid of the SOLO librarian. In 1991, the author helped establish the SOLO Librarian Division of the Special Libraries Association. The book is divided into two parts. Part 1, "Who We Are" (Chapters 1-7) focuses on a sample week in the life of a SOLO librarian; management issues; outsourcing and downsizing; SOLO libraries abroad; education for SOLOs and others; technology and the SOLO librarian; and the future of SOLO librarianship. Part 2, "Resources" (Chapters 8-12) highlights organizations; a SOLO's guide to education; vendors and suppliers; books and journals; and Internet sites and listservs. Appendices include: the Library Education Questionnaire; a detailed analysis of questionnaire responses; SOLO librarian survey; and demographics: results of surveys. (AEF)

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